

# SUNDAY CELEBRATION SERVICE



TRANSFORMING LIVES  
EXPANDING HIS KINGDOM

*Psalm 86*

**KNOW THE PSALMS, KNOW GOD & KNOW OURSELVES**

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# **Declaration**

***“This book is the Word of God!***

***I believe it is true***

***from cover to cover.***

***It is without error and***

***it is absolutely perfect.”***



# Refresher on - The BIBLE

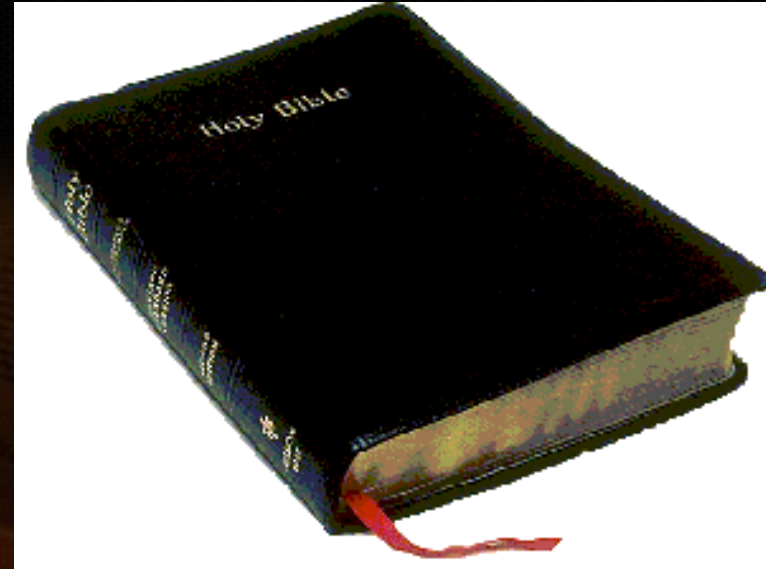
**Q: How many books are there in the Bible ?**

**A: 66**

**Q: Bible is DIVIDED into TWO Portions.**

**They are called ....**

- **Old Testament**
- **New Testament**



# The BIBLE

**Q: How many books in the Old Testament ?**

**A: 39**

*Easy way to remember ....*

**Q: How many letters in the word "OLD" ?**

**A: 3**

**Q: How many letters in the word "TESTAMENT" ?**

**A: 9**

**No. of OLD TESTAMENT books :  $3 \text{ \& } 9 = 39$**

**Other History  
Books (12)**

**Pentateuch (5)**

**History (17)**

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ESTHER**

**Poetry (5)**

**JOB  
PSALMS  
PROVERBS  
ECCLESIASTES  
SONG OF SOLOMON**

**Structure  
Of The  
Old  
Testament  
39 books**

**Prophets (17)**

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## Writing Style 1:

- History
- Law
- Wisdom
- Poetry (1/3)
- Prophecy &
- Apocalyptic

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**Poetry (5)**

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**Writing Style 2:**

**Prose  
Vs  
Poetry**

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# Know Psalms

Hebrew : *Tehilim*

“Songs of Praise”

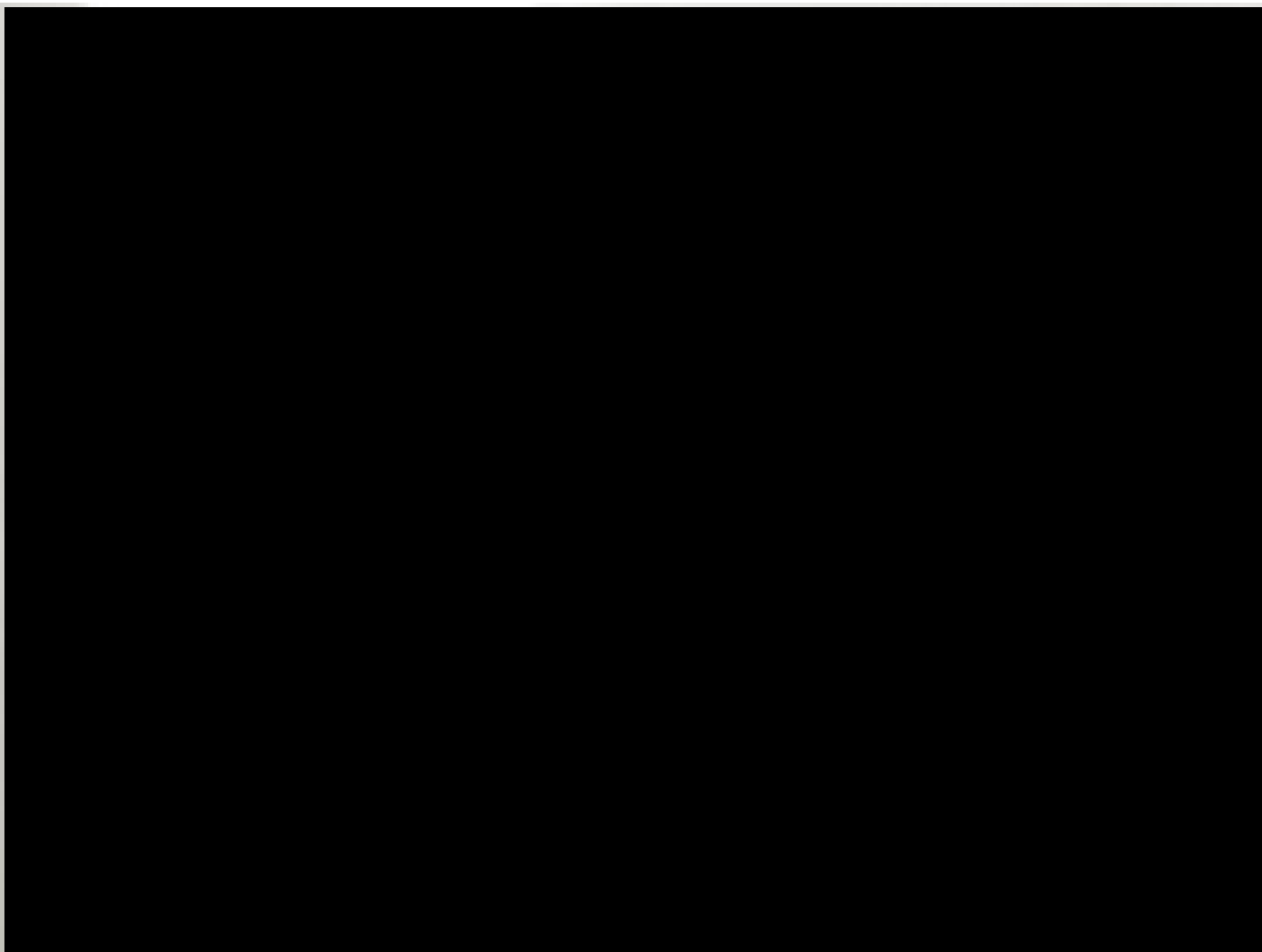
Greek (Septuagint) : *Psalmoi*

“Sacred Songs Sung to  
Musical accompaniment”

Jewish Hymnal or Song-book...







# KNOW PSALMS...

## Authorship -

- King David : 73
- Asaph : 12
- Sons of Korah: 9
- Solomon : 3
- Moses : 1 (Ps. 90)
- Ethan : 1
- Anonymous : 51

## Time Frame –

From Moses  
to  
Post-Exile

≈ 1,000yrs

# POETRY Literature

- special use of language....
- “... says *more* and says it *more intensely* than does ordinary language.”
- Not designed to communicate information ...  
BUT Experience, Feelings & Emotions....  
Very powerful in this respect...
- ‘Symbolism’ ...  
Very careful in interpretation  
& application...

Know Psalms...





# ***Know Psalms : Hymnal***

**Notation in 116 :**

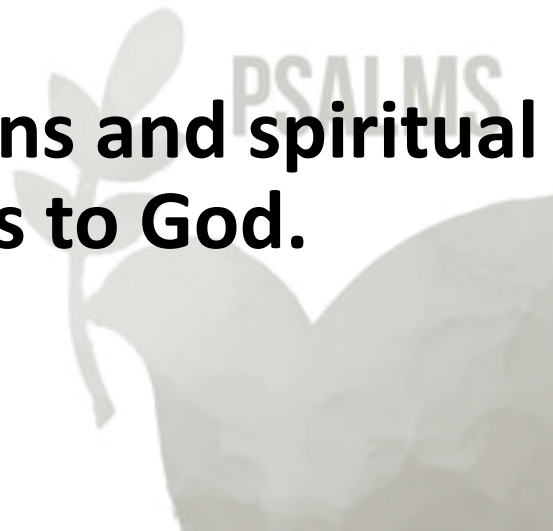
- “psalm” Heb. *Mizmor* : 57 *shiggaion*
- “song” Heb. *Sir* : 30 *miktam*
- “choir director.” : 55 *masvkil*
- musical instruments ... *tephillah*
  - stringed Ps 4,6,54,55 *tehillah*
  - wind eg flute Ps. 5 *lehazkir*
  - harp Ps 8,81,84 *letodah*
- tunes eg “the Lilies” Ps 45, 69 *lelammed*
- musical terms ... *shir yedidot*

# ***Know Psalms : Hymnal***

**1 Cor 14:26** What then shall we say, brothers? When you come together, everyone has a HYMN\*, ...

**Eph 5:19** Speak to one another with PSALMS\*, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord,

**Col 3:16** ... as you sing PSALMS\*, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.



# ***Know Psalms : Hymnal***

**Notations :**

**❖ Of Events...**

**Eg**

**Psa 3 : When he fled from his son Absalom.  
(2 Sam 15)**

**Psa 34 : Pretended to be insane before  
Abimelech. (1 Sam 21 – Achish).**

**Psa 51 : Prophet Nathan confronting David about  
his adultery with Bathsheba. (2 Sam 11)**

# ***Know Psalms...***

## **5 'Books' in Psalms :**

- 1. Book 1 Ps 1- 41**
- 2. Book 2 Ps 42 – 72**
- 3. Book 3: Ps 73 – 89**
- 4. Book 4: Ps 90 – 106**
- 5. Book 5: Ps 107 - 150**

***Ps 41:13 Praise be to the Lord , the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Amen & Amen.***

***Ps 72:19 Praise be to his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen & Amen.***

***Ps 89:52 Praise be to the Lord forever! Amen & Amen.***

***Ps 106:48 Praise be to the Lord , the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Let all the people say, "Amen!" Praise the Lord .***

***Ps 150:6 Let everything that has breath praise the Lord . Praise the Lord .***



# ***Know Psalms...***



## **Types of Psalms :**

<b>↪ Lament / Complaints</b>	<b>≈ 1/3</b>
<b>↪ Praise &amp; Thanksgiving</b>	
<b>↪ Messianic</b>	<b>≈ 25 (eg Psa 110)</b>
<b>↪ Imprecatory</b>	<b>≈ 18 (eg Psa 69)</b>
<b>↪ Songs of Ascent</b>	<b>≈ 15 (Psa 120-134)</b>
<b>↪ Royal</b>	<b>≈ 10 (eg Psa 2)</b>
<b>↪ Hallel</b>	<b>≈ 6 (Psa 113-118)</b>

# Know Psalms, Know God & Know Ourselves - Psalms 86

## Psalms 86

Notation: A Prayer of David

Psalms Book III

- Time of danger ....
  - Enemies ??
- David talked to God...



# Psalms 86 – Read Responsively

- 1** Hear, O Lord , and answer me, for I am poor and needy.
- 2** **Guard my life, for I am devoted to you. You are my God; save your servant who trusts in you.**
- 3** Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I call to you all day long.
- 4** **Bring joy to your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**
- 5** You are forgiving and good, O Lord, abounding in love to all who call to you.
- 6** **Hear my prayer, O Lord ; listen to my cry for mercy.**
- 7** In the day of my trouble I will call to you, for you will answer me.

# **Psalms 86 – Read Responsively**

**<sup>8</sup> Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord; no deeds can compare with yours.**

**<sup>9</sup> All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, O Lord; they will bring glory to your name.**

**<sup>10</sup> For you are great and do marvelous deeds; you alone are God.**

**<sup>11</sup> Teach me your way, O Lord , and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name.**

# **Psalms 86 – Read Responsively**

**12 I will praise you, O Lord my God, with all my heart; I will glorify your name forever.**

**13 For great is your love toward me; you have delivered me from the depths of the grave.**

**14 The arrogant are attacking me, O God; a band of ruthless men seeks my life — men without regard for you.**

# **Psalms 86 – Read Responsively**

**15 But you, O Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness.**

**16 Turn to me and have mercy on me; grant your strength to your servant and save the son of your maidservant.**

**17 Give me a sign of your goodness, that my enemies may see it and be put to shame, for you, O Lord, have helped me and comforted me.**

# David & his God...

For I am ...

↳ poor & needy...

↳ devoted to you... 'holy'  
'hesed' : saints – set apart...

↳ your servant...

↳ trust in you...

2 Sam 7

Prophet Nathan...

v5 : 'Go and tell my  
servant David...'

David's Reply

v18-29: David your  
servant...

Know Psalms, Know God & Know Ourselves - Psalms 86

# 1. GOD'S PROMISES ARE SURE...

- Hear me...
- Answer me...
- Guard me...
- Have mercy on me...
- Listen to my cry...
- ❖ David is just  
REMINDING God  
of His Promises...

2 Sam 7

God's Promises...

v9 I have cut off all your  
enemies... I will make  
your name great...

v10 I will provide a place

v11 I will give you rest

\*v25 Keep forever the  
promise you have made...  
Do as you promised...

Know Psalms, Know God & Know Ourselves - Psalms 86



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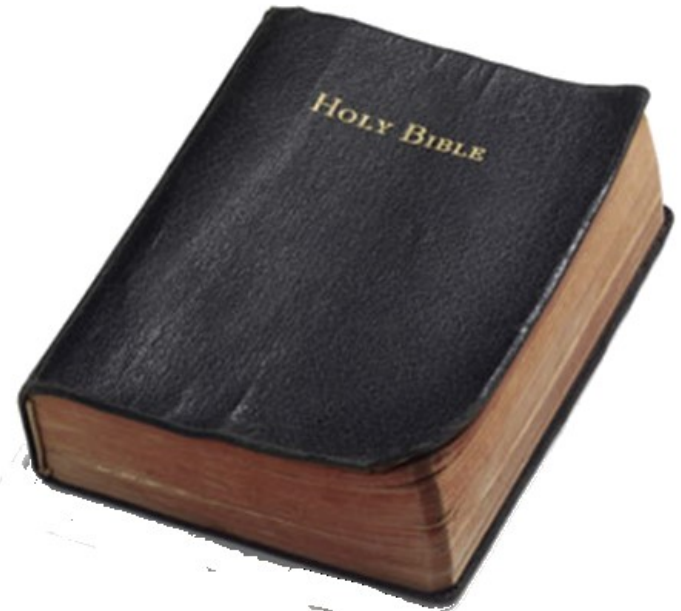
## 1. GOD'S PROMISES ARE SURE...

Promises = Covenants

Our God is a Covenantal God.

- God Makes ...
- God Remembers ...
- God Keeps ...

God's Promises / Covenants ..  
with His People...  
with you and I are...



# Know Psalms, Know God & Know Ourselves - Psalms 86

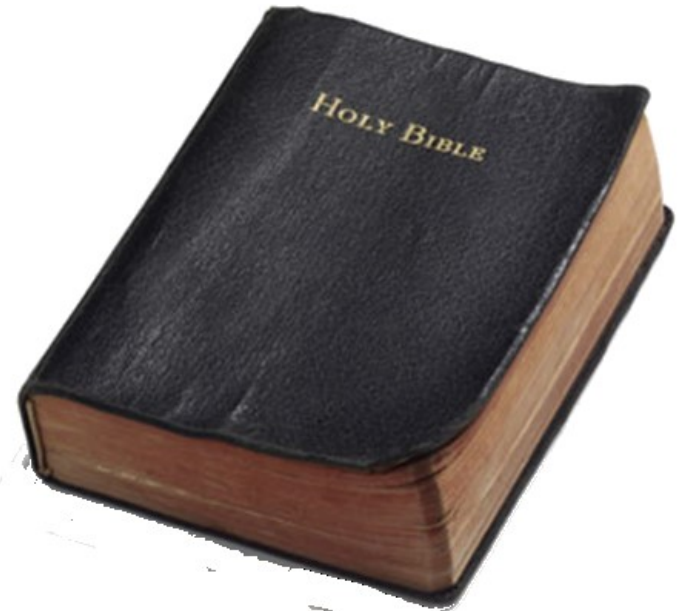
## 1. GOD'S PROMISES ARE SURE...

King David in the Psalms...

again and again ...

keeps reminding God of His  
many Promises to His People  
and His Nation – Israel...

So Should We ...



## **2. GOD'S CHARACTER is UNCHANGING (v8-13,15)**

**Only ONE GOD...**

➤ **v8,10 Almighty ...**

➤ **v9 Creator...**

➤ **v10 Involved in His Creation ...**

➤ **v13 Loving...**

➤ **v13 Deliverer ...**

➤ **v15 Compassionate, Gracious, Slow to Anger,  
Abounding in Love & Faithfulness...**

**Know Psalms, Know God & Know Ourselves - Psalms 86**

**Q: In Psa 86, how many times is God/Lord mentioned ?**

**A: 16**

**LORD**  
**4**

**Yahweh : 5048**

**v1, 6, 11, 17**

**God**  
**5**

**Elohim : 2596**

**v2, 10, 12, 14, 15**

**Lord**  
**7**

**Adonai : 449**

**v3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 12, 15**

**Tetragrammaton (YHWH)**  
**Self-Existent, Eternal...**

**Creator - Might,**  
**Power**

**Authority - Master,**  
**Owner, 'Kyrios'**

**Know Psalms, Know God & Know Ourselves - Psa 86**

# Know Psalms, Know God & Know Ourselves - Psalms 86

- 1. GOD'S PROMISES are SURE (v1-7)**
- 2. GOD'S CHARACTER is UNCHANGING (v8-13,15)**
- 3. GOD'S ANSWER is ASSURED (v14-17)**

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### 3. GOD'S ANSWER is ASSURED (v14-17)

King David continue to ...

v14 ask for deliverance ...

v15 recall God's Faithfulness...

v17 God's help ...

v17 God's comfort ...

v17 ask for a tangible sign ...

so that God will get the glory...

*Quote: "When our requests are in God's will and give Him glory, we can be sure He will answer."*

Know Psalms, Know God & Know Ourselves - Psalms 86

### **3. GOD'S ANSWER is ASSURED (v14-17)**

**Reading through the Psalms ...**

**The Psalmists shares ...**

↪ **their struggles and doubts ...**

↪ **their deepest sorrows ...**

↪ **their frustration, anger & fears...**

**We are only hearing / reading one side of the  
conversation ...**

**BUT we know God Answered...**

**Know Psalms, Know God & Know Ourselves**



### **3. GOD'S ANSWER is ASSURED (v14-17)**

**Eg Psalms 28...**

**v1-5 : David's Struggle ...**

**V6-9 : God's Answer & Deliverance ...**





# KNOW GOD :

1. God's PROMISES Are SURE (V1-7)
2. God'S CHARACTER Is UNCHANGING (V8-13,15)
3. God's ANSWER Is ASSURED (V14-17)

*Heb 13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday ...  
and today ...  
and forever.*



**How then should we Respond ?  
We need to KNOW OURSELVES...  
& KNOW OUR GOD...**

**Q: Do you KNOW your God ?**

**Q: Do you READ His WORD ?**

**Q: When was the last time you  
TALKED to God ?**



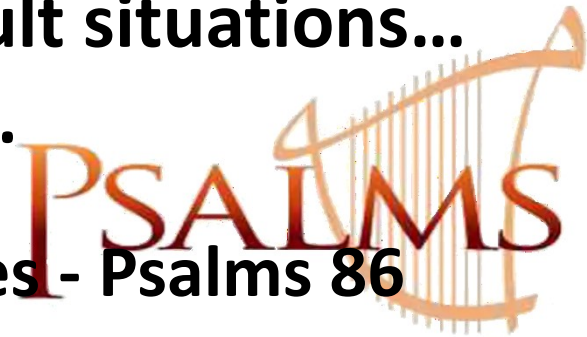
**Know Psalms, Know God & Know Ourselves - Psa**

**How should we Respond ?**

**KNOW OURSELVES :**

**In Reading the Psalms we are Hearing the Psalmists ...**

- **talking with God Almighty...**
- **open & transparent...**
- **full of doubts and struggles...**
- **yet trusting in God's mercy & love...**
- **choosing to Praise God under difficult situations...**
- **WE CAN LEARN from the Psalmists...**



**Know Psalms, Know God & Know Ourselves - Psalms 86**

**How should we Respond ?  
KNOW OURSELVES from Psa 86...**

***v<sup>6</sup> Hear my prayer, O Lord ;  
listen to my cry for mercy.***

***v<sup>7</sup> In the day of my trouble I will  
call to you,  
for you will answer me.***



**How should we Respond ?**

**KNOW OURSELVES from Psa 86...**

***v11 TEACH ME your way, O Lord ,  
our mind, intellect ...***

**God's ways can be taught ...  
must be taught...**

***and I will walk in your truth;***

**walking is a choice...**

**& a consequence of a renewed mind...**

***John 14:6  
I am The Way,  
The Truth and  
The Life***

***Rom 12:2  
... be transformed  
by the renewing  
of your mind.***



**Know Psalms, Know God & Know Ourselves - Psalms 86**

**How should we Respond ?  
KNOW OURSELVES from Psa 86...**

***v11 GIVE ME an undivided heart,***

**Pure heart ...**

**Not Double-minded ...**

**‘Integer’ – integrity...**

***that I may fear your name.***

**good Godly fear ...**

**reverential fear ...**

***Matt 5:8  
Blessed are the  
pure in heart,  
for they will see  
God.***

***James 1:1  
he is a double-  
minded man,...***



# How should we Respond ?

- **KNOW** the PSALMS ....
- **KNOW** the GOD of the PSALMS...
- **KNOW YOURSELF** ....

Are you **WALKING** with the Lord ?

Are you **TALKING** with Him ?

**Daily, Consistently ?**

**Adopt Psa 86:11 as your own ...**

**Pray it Daily ...**

**Deeply ...**

